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In re Application of:

ADNAN SHENNIB

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Group Art Unit 2743

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Title: REMOTE MAGNETIC ACTIVATION OF HEARING DEVICES

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING STATUS**

Applicant's attorney's logs and files indicate that nothing has been received from the PTO concerning this application since the official Filing Receipt on or about 11/30/98.

Applicant recognizes that the interval between filing and initial Office Action has increased over the past few years. However, a period of now approximately 28 months without action by the examiner since the filing of this case seems inordinately long, particularly since the term of any patent that may be issued from the application is 20 years from the filing date.

Applicant respectfully requests information regarding the status of this application, especially as to when mailing of the initial Office Action may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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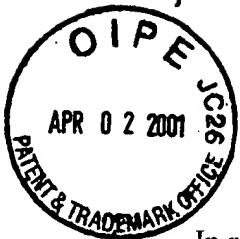
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